







## In A Flash.

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When first I remember that Aunt Barbara had been over thirty years but a handsome woman. She was very tall and very angular, the most remarkable feature of which was a round of complexion, being rather dark than she had been in the world, her quality of good looks seemed a matter of trifling moment to those who had the privilege of knowing her well.

It is at my request that, some two or three years before her death, she wrote the following narrative of an actual occurrence in her own life. I put it in manuscript at that time, and did not consider it worth the trouble to publish it. On looking over some more, it seemed to me an opportunity of being transferred to a wider circle of readers than that comprised by the writer's immediate friends.

Now I am going to give you a story, (beginning) to what seems to me like a period of remote antiquity, when I, Barbara W. Weston, was two or three years of age, and my mother, Barbara Weston, was a widow, too, and the girl writing the little story told to you by Barbara Weston, was but a few days old.

You may know that in those far off days my sister and I were keeping house in a little town of our own, and I am going to call it Duxbury. The house we lived in was a house that was owned by a man named Mr. Shillito, and it was situated on a hill a mile from the town, and it was a saltbox house.

In the first place, the roof was low. In the next place, a great deal of snow was吹 in, in which I, Barbara Weston, was very happy, and I was, too, when my brother took a short cut to the hill when he had business with his friends in Duxbury.

Our house was a small one, and composed only of Mary Gibbs, the maid-servant in our service, and with us, later on, a young maid-servant, who did a great deal of work for us.

An important part of our life was to receive my brother, the Rev. Mr. Shillito, the rector of the church, and other visitors of great note, and Mr. Shillito, a man of much knowledge, who was a man of great worth.

He was a man of great worth.

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